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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

AWARDED TENURE AT EIU

CHARLESTON, IL--Minh Dao of Urbana, assistant professor of economics, and Craig Eckert of Philo, associate professor of sociology, have been awarded tenure at Eastern Illinois University effective Fall Semester 1992.

Tenure is a status awarded by the Board of Governors Universities upon the positive recommendation of the university president following an extensive evaluation process. It is a relationship of continuing commitment between the university and the employee, benefiting both.

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Eastern, located in Charleston, places priority on teaching excellence for a high quality student body in a residential setting and offers faculty a wide range of research and public service activities.

Dao received his master's degree in economics from Oklahoma State University in 1980 and doctorate in economics from the University of Illinois in 1987. He previously taught at Hastings College from 1980 to 1983. He and his wife, Mai, an accountant, have a son, Minh Jr.

Eckert received his master's degree in sociology from the University of Oklahoma in 1979 and doctorate in sociology from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1986. He previously taught sociology at the University of Southern Mississippi for one year. He and his wife, Amy, a telemarketing supervisor at the News Gazette, have two daughters, Rachel and Ellen.